

**Prevention Workgroup**  
**Comparison of UDS and HEDIS Specifications for the Colorectal Cancer Screening Measure**  
**August 18, 2014**

**Background:** During the August 5, 2014 Prevention workgroup meeting, the members requested a comparison of the UDS and HEDIS specifications of the colorectal cancer screening measure. The table below summarizes the differences between the two measures.

The primary differences between the two measures are:

- The UDS specifications require that patients be seen during the measurement year by a provider while the HEDIS specifications do not.
- HEDIS specifications require continuous enrollment in the plan during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year. Since the UDS specifications are not designed for plans, they do not include this requirement.
- The HEDIS administrative specifications are more lenient in terms of counting FOBT tests.

Title	HEDIS	UDS
Description	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Colorectal Cancer Screening
Numerator Statement	The percentage of members 50–75 years of age who had appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.	Number of patients aged 51 through 74 with appropriate screening for colorectal cancer.  (NOTE: Though age 50 to 75 is in the title of this measure, the detail calls for persons to be screened within a year of turning 50 and prior to reaching age 75.)
Denominator Statement	One or more screenings for colorectal cancer. Any of the following meet criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine years prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• Fecal occult blood test during the measurement year. For</li> </ul>	One or more screenings for colorectal cancer. Any of the following meet criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fecal occult blood test, including the fecal immunochemical test during the measurement year.</li> <li>• Flexible sigmoidoscopy during the measurement year or the four years prior to the measurement year.</li> <li>• Colonoscopy during the measurement year or the nine</li> </ul>

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	<p>administrative data, assume the required number of samples were returned, regardless of FOBT type.</p> <p>For the hybrid method:</p> <p>There are two types of FOBT tests: guaiac (gFOBT) and immunochemical (iFOBT). Depending on the type of FOBT test, a certain number of samples are required for numerator compliance. Follow the instructions below to determine member compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the medical record does not indicate the type of test and there is no indication of how many samples were returned, assume the required number was returned. The member meets the screening criteria for inclusion in the numerator.</li> <li>• If the medical record does not indicate the type of test and the number of returned samples is specified, the member meets the screening criteria only if the number of samples specified is greater than or equal to three samples. If there are fewer than three samples, the member does not meet the screening criteria for inclusion.</li> <li>• iFOBT tests may require fewer than three samples. If the medical record indicates that an iFOBT was done, the member meets the screening criteria, regardless of how many samples were returned.</li> <li>• If the medical record indicates that a gFOBT was done, follow the scenarios below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If the medical record does not indicate the number of returned samples, assume the required number was returned. The member meets the screening criteria for inclusion in the numerator.</li> <li>- If the medical record indicates that three or more</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>years prior to the measurement year.</p>

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	<p>samples were returned, the member meets the screening criteria for inclusion in the numerator.</p> <p>– If the medical record indicates that fewer than three samples were returned, the member does not meet the screening criteria.</p>	
Denominator Requirements	Ages 51–75 years as of December 31 of the measurement year. Continuous enrollment during the measurement year and the year prior to the measurement year.	Number of patients who were aged 51 through 74 at some point during the measurement year, who had at least one medical visit during the reporting year <sup>1</sup>
Exclusions	Optional Exclusions are: Colorectal Cancer Total Colectomy	Mandatory Exclusions: Patients who have or who have had colorectal cancer

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<sup>1</sup> The CMS Meaningful Use criteria for this measure includes persons seen at any point within the last two years, however, for the purposes of reporting in UDS Table 6B, medical patients must have had one medical visit during the current measurement year.

